Wenesit Cottage Lowell,
Dec. 11 1844

Mrs. Chapman,

Dear Madam,

I cheerfully accept your proposal for exchange of books. Mine however will not be ready to send you until the day before Christmas, when I will endeavor that you receive them; what number of copies I cannot determine, not knowing the price of the Liberty Bell. I shall not however be at all exact as it regards myself, for there is a great moral cause or holy purpose, that I would consider more, I wish, while I believe, as you suggest, that I may thus advantage myself in a certain way, that they may avail you, (the society) all you could expect. I think however I may have been mistaken in my former estimate of sale. My friends will not sell so high as I calculated, tho' at same of over fairs here for domestic purposes Novelties, books the same size, of similar character, with the same amount of

matter, or even less, have sold as high as I at first noted. I have no disposition certainly at fault finding with the managers of your fair with regard to their agreement or regulations. Whatever way just & fair has taught them would realise the greatest amount of funds to the cause, they certainly should pursue, & all true friends of the cause, would heartily approve, I am sure, tho' it should "seem" to exclude their own best endeavors. Commission business in fairs, notwithstanding, has at times been profitable. I ~~send~~ accompany this with a half dozen copies of Miscellaneous Poems published by myself two years ago, a work got up by subscription & most of the edition thus taken up by friends, which has saved it from becoming in a measure stale. These vols. I pop over to you for the benefit of your fair if benefit you should deem they may be, & the fact just stated induces me to think they may sell, notwithstanding they may oppose the popular taste for new things having been out more than one month out. They have universally sold for one dollar a copy. With a due sense of gratitude for your very kind consideration I remain

Yours Ill. Jane E. Locke

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Mrs. Maria W. Chapman
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